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1. Six to eight officers, ranking from lieutenant up to and including major, arrived at the headquarters building of the 13th Gds Mecz Div on Tolbukhinstrasse, Vienna, on 2 and 3 July 1950. The officers entered through the main door of the building which had been locked and sealed up to that time. The telephone lines leading to the headquarters building, which had not been removed when the headquarters personnel moved out, were still there.
2. The garages on Alxingergasse were locked and there was no motor traffic. No activity was observed in the bakery on Davidgasse.*
3. Personnel of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt in the Trost Kaserne were still assigned to duties at the post. More troops than usual were seen in the barracks. The number of LM falling in for drill practices also seemed larger. All soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. ** More 57-mm guns than before were observed in the Trost Kaserne. On 5 July 1950. None of the guns were seen on 9 July 1950.
4. The motor vehicles of the motor transport company from the garage on Windtenstrasse had not returned by 9 July 1950. Intensified maintenance work on the motor vehicles in the park of the reconnaissance company and the AAA company was observed between 6 and 8 July 1950. Work was also done on 9 July 1950, a Sunday. The [] of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt had not changed up to 9 July 1950.
5. No activity was observed in the area of the Kaiserebersdorf (P 49/X 48) barracks up to 9 July 1950. *
6. Only guard details were seen in the Klosterneuburg (O 49/D 30) quarters of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt. More gasoline cans than before were seen in the regimental fuel dump on Magdeburgergasse.
7. The bridge building equipment which had been stored in Klosterneuburg for two years had been taken with the troops when they left for summer camp. *
8. Only guard details were observed in the Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37) quarters of the 45th Gds Mecz Regt. About 50 officers of various branches of service were in one building.

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9. Heavy boxes were unloaded at the regimental artillery depot in late June 1950.
10. About 10 trucks arrived at the vacated quarters of the motor transport battalion in the Albrechts Kaserne and Wilhelms Kaserne between 1 and 9 July 1950. Numerous new fuel tanks and cans were seen in the battalion fuel dump. Guarded reliefs checked the seals on the tanks. *
11. No military personnel were observed in the quarters of the medical battalion of the Vienna division. Activities in the P. Alekseyev Hospital were normal. *
12. The 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in Kagran (P 49/X 49) was still at its post during the first week of July 1950. Intensive maintenance work on the armored vehicles of the regiment had been started in early July 1950. There was an order that the minimum supply of fuel for the armored vehicles had to be for 150 engine hours. The required fuel was on hand. A shipment of fuel arrived on 6 July 1950.
13. Some tanks of the regiment had gone to the artillery range near Bruck on the Leitha River (R 49/X 77) after the spring of 1950. A plan to ship out elements of the regiment to a troop training grounds had been dropped. *** Personnel of the regiment frequently criticized the American tank arm. Pictures of US tanks circulated among them. The attitude of the troops was one of a pronounced self-assuredness and belligerence.

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* [] Comment. The report confirms the transfer to the Doellersheim troop training grounds of elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, including the division headquarters from the Vienna area. []

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** [] Comment. The 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div apparently remained at the post for guard duty and to train recruits. It is believed that recruits also arrived in Vienna for assignment to units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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*** [] Comment. The information confirms [] the elements of the 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Kagran did not go to the Doellersheim troop training grounds but rotated at the Bruck artillery range in small units for short training cycles. []

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